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## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 11, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In view of the following amendments and remarks, further and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

## **Amendments**

Please amend the application to read as shown below. A marked up copy of the amendments is provided in the attached Appendix A.

## In the Specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 2, lines 23-24 as shown:

OFF-LINE PAYMENT - To enable the electronic money to be transferred without needing to simultaneously contact the bank at the time of transfer.